

These minutes have been approved by the Board of Athletic Training

Minutes of the August 6, 2024 Board of Athletic Training Meeting

1. Roll Call

Jessica Roberts, Chairperson, called the meeting of the Board of Athletic Training to order at 9:10 am on August 6, 2024, in the Goldenrod Conference Room, at the Nebraska State Office Building located at 301 Centennial Mall South, Lincoln, Nebraska. In accordance with Neb. Rev. Stat. 84-1411 of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act, copies of the agenda were e-mailed to the Board members and other interested parties, posted on the DHHS web site at <https://dhhs.ne.gov/licensure/Pages/Agendas-and-Minutes.aspx>, and posted in the Licensure Unit on July 26, 2024.

Roberts announced that this is an open meeting, and the Open Meetings Act is posted.

Members Present: The following members answered roll call:

Jessica Roberts, Chairperson
Rebecca Docter, Secretary
Mike Nicola, Vice-Chairperson
Vanetta Early, Member

DHHS Staff Present:

Claire Covert-ByBee, Program Manager
Kim Hitzel, Health Licensing Coordinator
T.J. O'Neill, Assistant Attorney General
Teresa Hampton, DHHS Legal
Abby Hoy-Nissen, Assistant Attorney General

2. Adoption Of Agenda

MOTION: Nicola moved, seconded by Docter, to adopt the agenda. Voting aye: Docter, Nicola, Early, and Roberts. Voting nay: None. Motion carried.

3. Reaffirmation Of Mail Ballot

Roberts stated that the minutes from the February 27, 2024, Board Meeting were adopted by mail ballot. Covert-ByBee confirmed that this is the opportunity for the Department to read into the minutes any votes taken by mail ballot between regularly scheduled Board meetings. Voting to approve the minutes from the February 27, 2024 Board meeting: Nicola, Docter, Early, and Roberts. The minutes were approved on March 8, 2024.

4. Investigational and Confidential Reports Closed Session

The Board did not enter into closed session.

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5. BOARD RECOMMENDATIONS

There were no board recommendations.

6. Legislative Update

LB16 bill passed this year. One section of the law impacts the convictions that may be considered if the Board wishes to disqualify (deny) an applicant an initial license based on convictions. It essentially defines “disqualifying convictions”. This does not impact the Board’s ability to consider all convictions in matters where a license is issued with probation or limitations. Only denials.

7. BOC Conference

The BOC Cares Conference was held in Omaha, NE July 10, 2024. Docter attended the conference as a representative of the Board and provided a report. See attached information.

8. Athletic Trainer Compact

The compact for Athletic Trainers is in development with the Council of State Governments, Department of Defense, and the Board of Certification for Athletic Trainers. Covert-ByBee has been asked to participate in the compact task force and will keep the board updated of any progress.

9. Regulation Update

172 NAC 17 was signed by Governor Pillen and filed with the Secretary of State’s office. It became effective May 21, 2024.

10. Update on New Licensure Database

Covert-ByBee stated all tasks are on time and the new database should be operational by the end of 2024 or early 2025.

11. 2025 Meeting Dates

2025 meeting dates will be February 25, 2025, to be held virtually and August 5, 2025, to be held in-person for Board Members. Both meetings will begin at 9:00 am.

12. Licensure Application Processing Report

This report is for informational purposes only.

13. Board Vacancy

Mike Nicola will not seek a second term on the Board. Any interested party may contact the office for more information about becoming a Board member.

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14. Topics for Next Meeting

Topics to be included will be Athletic Trainer Compact, BOC Conference, Application Processing Report, Database Update, Legislative Update, Public Comment, Per Diem, Election of Officers, Delegates for National Meetings, CPMDS, Notice of Publication, and Public Comment.

15. Public Comment

No public Comments

16. Adjournment

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 9:52 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca Docter, Secretary